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Dear Dr. Demerec:

Title: Protistan Sex Hermanes

I am genuinely sorrythat Thimann let you down, for his background and interests undoubtedly qualify him for the job much better than do mine. However, under the circumstances, I am willing to undertake the job if, as I presume will be satisfactory, I could confine the subject to what I know something about. At present I plan to include the work of Moewus and work on the Protozoa. If I have the time to prepare and space to include it, I may also add the recent work on the chemicals of fertilism inder labelt substances, and also the work of Raper on sex hormones of the fungi. If any of the subjects is likely to be taken up by some other speaker, please let me know.

You have said nothing about time allotment or space in the final book. Have you any limits to suggest? Almost certainly I shall have nothing to demonstrate—certainly nothing in the way of techniques. If you think it would be of interest to have some demonstrations of the effects produced by some of the Protistarhormones, I might be able to arrange these, but I presume this is not the kind of demonstration you are interested in having.

You will note from the enclosed sheet that I have changed my plan about coming to Cold Spring Harbor for an extended period. I don't believe I can afford to come twice, in June and in August, and as it is very inconvenient for me to be away from the laboratory for a long period during the early part of the summer, I think I shall have to withdraw my application for laboratory space in August and plan to be at Cold Spring Harbor only for the duration of the conference in June. I am rather sorry to have to do this as I was looking forward with pleasure to spending a month with you, but under the circumstances don't believe I could arrange things otherwise.

With best wishes, I am

Yours truly,